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Wednesday the 29th January, 1941/16th Makaram, 1116.

The Council met in the Legislative Chamber at eleven of the clock with Sachivottama Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar, K. C. S. I. K. C. I. E., LL. D., the President in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the rolls :—

1. Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*).
2. Mr. G. Nilakantan (*Co-opted for the purpose of the Travancore Kammala Bill*).
3. Mr. T. V. Ramakrishna Aiyar (*Co-opted for the purpose of the Travancore Child Marriage Restraint Bill.*)
4. Mr. P. G. Rama Varma Raja (*Co-opted for the purpose of the Travancore Kshatriya Act (Amendment Bill*).
5. Srimathi Ranganayaki Ammal (*Co-opted for the purpose of the Travancore Child Marriage Restraint) Bill.*
6. Mr. N. Velu Achari (*Co-opted for the purpose of Travancore Kammala Bill*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Bridge at Aroor.

14. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapally, Karthikapally and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalla*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

[Mr. K. M. Kesavan.]

(*a*) whether they have ever considered the necessity of putting up a bridge at Aroor on the Alleppey-Cochin road in view of its considerable commercial importance ; and

(*b*) if so what will be the cost of constructing a bridge there ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas (*Deputy Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 2 lakhs, as per the latest estimate.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: With reference to the answer given, may I know when will the bridge be put up ?

Mr. P. J. Thomas: I cannot say for certain.

President: The honourable member will raise his voice.

Manufacture of cement.

15. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have finished their investigations with regard to the manufacture of cement in Travancore ;

(*b*) if so, whether the results are favourable ; and

(*c*) if favourable, do the Government propose to start a cement factory ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The investigations are still in progress.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise.

Import of kerosene and petrol into Travancore.

16. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government of Travancore are having direct import of kerosene and petrol into Travancore ;

(*b*) what is the rate of import duty leviable on a gallon of petrol and kerosene in Travancore ; and

(*c*) what is the total quantity of petrol and kerosene consumed in the State per annum ?

Mr. P. G. Narayanan Unnithan (*Excise Commissioner*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) No duty is leviable on kerosene and petrol imported from British India and Cochin State into Travancore. The British

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